(b) whether any assesment has been made in this regard, if so, what are the findings thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for the maximum utilisation of these rakes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At the end of each journey, passenger rakes require attention for scheduled maintenance, cleaning, watering and any repairs etc., on all Zonal Railways. Sometimes they also wait because passenger trains have to start from originating points at timings convenient to the travelling public.

(c) In a number of cases, different rakes have been integrated to minimise terminal detentions and to ensure better utilisation of rolling stock.

Action on complaints under Dowry Act

1738. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Cops to dowry laws", that appeared on cols. 4—6 of page 3 of Hindustan Times dated 4th September, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, wnat steps Government are taking to make the police personnel aware of the provisions of Dowry Act so that they may take prompt action on complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been mentioned in the news item that women welfare organisations are facing problems in having the amendments in the Dowry Prohibition Act implemented by the Police because of the latter's ignorance about the amendments and indifference.

(c) The Minister of State for Women and Child Development has addressed a letter to all the Chief Ministers of the States/UTs requesting them to have the law and order machinery geared up in order to effectively carry out the amended laws. For this purpose, training and orientation of police officers is essential. The Chief Ministers have accordingly been requested to give serious thought to this suggestion so that the police machinery is able to be in step with the new laws.

Sad plight of unemployed Indian Doctors in Canada

1739. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that several Indian doctors who went to Canada could not get licence to undertake medical practice in that country and were compelled to do petty jobs for their livehood;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to get those doctors repatriated; and

(c) the steps being taken to stop such brain drain from the country in future and utilize the talents of qualified doctors and other technocrats within the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Indian doctors concerned had gone to Canada on their own and there is no scheme to get those doctors repatriated to India.

(c) The following steps have been taken to stop the brain drain of trained medical personnel and to utilise the talents of qualified doctors within the country:

(i) Restrictions have been placed on medical graduates going aborad for higher education and training were such training facilities exist in the country. Doctors belonging to scarce categories are not sponsored for employment abroad.

(ii) Adavance increments are granted to specially qualified candidates on the recommendations of the State and Central Public Service Commissions.

(iii) Improvements in the service conditions of doctors particularly those serving in the rural areas are being brought about by the State and U.T. Governments.

(iv) Arrangement have been made for holding the prestigious membership examinations by the **National Board** Examinations which correspond to foerign qualifications, like FRCS, MRCP etc.

(v) A scheme has been launched to secure the community orientation of medical education, with emphasis on the preventive aspects of Health care services, to attarct a larger number of doctors for service in the rural areas.

Construction of Hieun Tsang Memorial at Nalanda (Bihar)

1740. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government so far on the construction of Hieun Tsang Memorial at Nalanda (Bihar) in the memory of Chinese pilgrim Hieun Tsang; and

(b) the future development plan thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) It was a Central Government project on which the total expenditure was Rs. 46.42 lakhs.

(b) The construction was completed in 1984. In march, 1985, the Government of Bihar agreed in principle to the merger of Hieun Tsang Memorial with Nava Nalanda Mahavihara and to establish the autonomous organisation. However, the State Governemnt has since indicated that the Central Government should take over Nava Nalanda Mahavihara for converting it into a Deemed to be University. The matter is under consideration.

Safety of art objects for Festival of India, USSR

1741. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 32 answered on 25th February, 1987 in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) what specific steps are proposed to be taken to prevent damages to the art objects which are to be sent for the Festival of India in the U.S.S.R.; and

(b) whether there is also a proposal to organise Festival of some other foreign country in India, and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Necessary security arrangements, care in packing and insurance on 'wall to wall' basis to cover risks are being taken.

(b) USSR will be holding their festival in India from November 21, 1987 to November, 1988. Japan Month will be held in India during October-November, 1987. France has proposed to hold its festival in India in the winter of 1988.